



IMPROVING ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE JORDAN

USAID and Jordan share a longstanding partnership to strengthen the Kingdom’s health system, training health care providers and building and rehabilitating health care facilities throughout the country. Jordan has made enormous progress in recent years in reducing maternal and infant mortality and expanding and improving health infrastructure, emerging as a regional leader in health.

However, with a growing national population and the influx of refugees from all over the region, Jordan struggles to ensure that everyone can access quality health care. Hospitals are overcrowded, the country faces challenges retaining and appropriately deploying a skilled health care workforce, and limited finances make it difficult to realize universal health coverage. The Kingdom faces the dual challenge of extending its overburdened health services to meet this increased demand while continuing to strengthen the resilience and quality of those services.

USAID works with the Government of Jordan to expand access to quality health services in order to foster healthy communities for a stable and secure Jordan.

AREAS OF FOCUS

IMPROVING HEALTH SERVICE QUALITY AND USE

USAID supports the Government of Jordan to continuously improve the quality of public health services and to ensure they are available throughout the Kingdom, reaching the poorest and most vulnerable. Recognizing that any preventable maternal death is one too many, USAID is helping the Ministry of Health implement the Maternal Mortality Surveillance and Response System to reduce maternal deaths in Jordan. In addition, USAID works to make sure the people of Jordan have the knowledge and resources to protect their health by supporting community outreach to promote healthy behaviors - including family planning, anemia prevention, and nutrition - and by strengthening the national public health surveillance network’s ability to monitor for novel pathogens and prevent major outbreaks, such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome.

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KEY PARTNERS

Ministries of:

- Agriculture
- Environment
- Health
- Public Works and Housing

Health Care Accreditation Council

Higher Population Council

Royal Medical Services

Jordan University of Science and Technology

Dar Al-Omran

Abt Associates Inc.

Chemonics International

EcoHealth Alliance

Palladium

LOCATIONS

All twelve governorates

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STRONG HEALTH SYSTEMS

Jordan's healthy future depends on a strong, sustainable health system. USAID partners with the Ministry of Health to train doctors, nurses, and midwives and to institutionalize quality improvement and continuing professional development. USAID supports the Government of Jordan's decentralization initiatives in order to better identify and respond to community needs, and strengthens communities' ability to monitor service quality and availability. USAID also supports the Government of Jordan to increase the efficiency of public health spending to ensure the fiscal sustainability of the country's health system, and to accelerate progress toward universal health coverage so everyone can access quality health care.

EXPANDED HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

A number of critical health facilities in Jordan are underequipped and overcrowded, threatening the quality of core health services. To address this challenge, USAID is improving several major referral hospitals. These include the expansion of the emergency department of Al Bashir Hospital, which serves 50,000 patients a month including some of the most vulnerable in Jordan; and the equipping of the recently expanded Princess Rahma Pediatric Hospital, located in an area heavily impacted by the refugee crisis. These facilities provide critical care to all children regardless of nationality or income.

NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Ninety-one percent of health professionals in Jordan believe that continuing professional development ensures better patient care. USAID supported the Government of Jordan in passing the Health Professional Re-licensure Bylaw, which requires health professionals to renew their licenses on the basis of professional development every five years to ensure high quality, up-to-date health care practices.
- Since 2002, USAID has renovated and modernized 349 health facilities across the Kingdom to help it manage continued population growth and to ensure that health providers are equipped to provide quality health services.
- By expanding access to quality maternal and neonatal health services, USAID has supported the Ministry of Health to reduce maternal deaths by 54 percent and neonatal deaths by 43 percent since 1997. Building on this success, USAID helped the Ministry of Health to rollout Jordan's Maternal Mortality Surveillance and Response System to identify causes of and respond effectively to maternal deaths.
- Princess Rahma Pediatric Hospital is the only pediatric referral hospital for the four northern governorates, serving over 25 percent of Jordan's population and the refugee population that has settled there. USAID's expansion of the hospital, completed in 2017, increased its capacity by 35 percent, increasing its ability to provide health services for people of all nationalities.